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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices for next week's trading were trending unchanged to lower. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady to weak. Retail demand showed slight improvement as first of the month approaches, yet interest was still mostly light to fair. Food service continued no better than moderate, best into fast food. Supplies were adequate to ample and hard to clear. In the parts structure, interest progressed somewhat in spot areas, but overall trading was slow to fair. Supplies were at least adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights covered the full range, but mostly desirable.

Preliminary report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob to first receivers at major market areas week of 08/02-08/07/99 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A			COMPOSITE	
(Including branded product)			WTD	
AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	TFEWR	—		
Chicago	41.00-46.00	35.00-62.75	46.09	24
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—		
Cleveland	TFEWR	—		
Denver	64.50	—		
Detroit	TFEWR	—		
Los Angeles	65.00	—		
New York	45.00-48.00	—		
Philadelphia	TFEWR	—		
Pittsburgh	TFEWR	—		
St. Louis	TFEWR	—		
San Francisco	65.50	—		
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	57.00-59.00	36.00-60.50	58.21	84

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 60.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
706	48.00-62.50	59.93
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
ITEM	WTD. AVG.	VOLUME
	(CENTS PER POUND)	(000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	155.50	3,853
BREASTS - WHOLE	72.50	1,190
THIGH MEAT - B/S	60.50	530
LEG QUARTERS	20.00	7,413
WINGS	51.50	2,506

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SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Demand continued to lack buying interest with some hopes of improvement next week with first of the month approaching. Food service was slightly better, but only moderate at best. Supplies were adequate to ample and discounted. In the parts structure, reports of spot improvements were noted, but trading was still slow to fair. Supplies were at least sufficient and readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was weak. Preliminary majority prices were 1 cent lower than last Friday. Offerings were ample overall. Heavier weights in the longest position, but hotter weather in some production areas may have an effect on sizes. Retailer demand was fair to fairly good, best where featured. Dealer anticipated moderate weekend carryovers. Reported parts trading for next week's deliveries in California: Wings 53-60, breasts 59-70, boneless breasts 140-145, leg quarters bulk 17-20 and 4/10's mainly 22.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries were 3 cents lower into Chicago and TFEWR elsewhere from Monday's final majority. Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Offerings were fully adequate to ample and difficult to place. Improved demand noted into retail accounts for first of the month, but overall movement was light. Food service movement was mixed, best into fast food and restaurants. Floor stocks were in a full range with sizes desirable. Parts trading was slow for the fully adequate supplies. Parts trade sentiment was unsettled.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying interest on ready to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair at best. Offerings were readily available and usually more than adequate for the lackluster buying interest. Demand improved slightly, but for the most part, was no better than fair. The market tone remained weak. In the parts market, sellers for whatever reason were a bit more confident, but buyers were generally cautious and often limited receipts to immediate needs.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds increased slightly entering the weekend, but still lacked the ability to clear the bulk of available offerings. Live supplies were moderate to heavy; weights varied in a full range of light to heavy, mostly light to desirable. Processing schedules were heavy when coupled with operations slated for Saturday. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent lower at 48 to 60 cents. Trade sentiment improved in advance of the weekend and first-of-the month period, but still remained barely steady to weak. Inquiry in the parts complex increased, but supplies remained fully sufficient.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	46-63
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	50.96
NO. OF BOXES	7,731
CUMULATIVE	07/26/99-07/30/99 54.62
	07/27/98-07/31/98 71.37
NO. OF BOXES	07/26/99-07/30/99 30,758
	07/27/98-07/31/98 37,743

*5 of 8 plants reporting.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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ITEM	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG	WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE			(000)	RANGE			(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	768	123.00-189.00	135-145	144.36	785	128.00-189.00	133-140	142.08	4,244	146.46
TENDERLOINS	76	130.00-195.00	-	148.82	176	130.00-200.00	130-135	170.63	748	157.62
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT				104	59.00-69.00	60-63	63.08	572	67.08
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				425	59.41
LEGS	130	24.00-37.00	24-25	25.00	136	24.00-35.00	24-25	25.29	594	25.77
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	801	14.00-20.00	15-16	15.67	356	13.00-20.00	14-15	15.35	3,530	15.80
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,024	18.00-21.00	18-19	18.61	1,100	17.00-19.50	17-18	17.48	5,224	18.06
WINGS (WHOLE)	166	45.00-56.00	48-50	51.17	148	44.00-56.00	47-48	50.70	940	50.42
WINGS (CUT)	426	58.00-70.00	60-61	60.51	545	55.00-68.00	58-60	59.57	2,352	60.66
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				47	36.70
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				103	36.86
B/S THIGHS	95	53.00-72.00	-	57.11	92	52.00-72.00	-	57.22	465	57.13

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS*****
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TRADING FOR JUL 29, 1999 — F.O.B. DOCK.

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TODAY'S		TODAY'S		5-DAY
RANGE	AVERAGE	RANGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE
31.50 - 43.25	36.71	33.00 - 37.50	34.68	37.43

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying interest was only slightly improved as buyers anticipated better weekend activity. Offerings were held with a bit more confidence, but buyers generally resisted higher asking prices. Demand for the weekend was questionable, however, most dealers thought it was a temporary manifestation. The market tone was generally steady at best.

PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES.

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WEEKLY

ITEM	CURRENT NEG		WTD	VOL/LBS	CURRENT NEG		WTD	VOL/LBS
	TRADING*	AVG**			TRADING*	AVG**		
BREAST - B/S	130-140	146.54	305,200		130-140	142.40	507,880	146.69
TENDERLOINS	-	134.43	42,000		-135.21	128,960	135.59	179,720
BREAST - WITH RIBS	55-56	68.78	130,840		66.02	251,200	69.77	724,800
BREAST - LINE RUN	55	55.72	169,200		56.31	187,800	58.16	748,680
LEGS	27-28	32.35	156,200		31.00	203,480	32.23	798,088
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	16-17	18.88	232,320		18.55	369,800	19.26	1,064,720
DRUMSTICKS	30-31	32.85	49,760		32.21	149,720	32.58	261,720
THIGHS	17-18	30.49	35,440		24.82	61,840	28.30	239,880
B/S THIGHS	70-71	70.69	18,240		76.00	10,040	71.77	84,680
WINGS (WHOLE)	50-51	57.87	119,880		57.00	181,160	59.12	664,920
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.00	9,520		12.00	11,240	12.02	51,400
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	29.51	8,200		29.90	9,720	29.79	53,160
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35-40	39.41	23,680		38.90	35,320	39.56	130,080

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL WTS	
	07/30	07/29	07/28	07/27	07/28	07/27	07/23	07/21
ALA	3,857	3,871	3,814	3,821	4.99	4.98	4,159	5.10
ARK	5,070	5,115	4,751	4,947	4.88	4.78	6,348	4.87
DELMARVA	2,610	2,477	2,374	2,407	4.97	5.03	2,476	5.02
KY-LA-TN	1,889	1,780	1,799	1,714	4.39	4.39	1,929	4.47
MISS	2,928	2,833	2,788	2,790	4.91	4.95	2,682	4.99
NC	2,879	2,600	2,490	2,460	5.49	5.53	2,618	5.63
TEXAS	2,900	2,085	1,985	2,072	4.65	4.64	2,054	4.69
TOTAL	22,133	20,761	20,001	20,211	4.92	4.92	22,266	4.99
MON-FRI	104,710(A)						102,835(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 30-Jul and 31-Jul-99 is estimated to be 33,113,000 down 0.89 percent from a week ago and up 3.5 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 33,412,000; last year 32,000,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 31-Jul-99 is estimated to be 154,476,000 head unchanged from a week ago, and up 6.0 percent from a year ago

(Last week 155,059,000 Last year 145,799,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	82-84
ROASTERS 4# & UP	82-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	83-91
DUCKS	135
RABBITS-WHOLE	334-359
RABBITS-CUT UP	351-376

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 92-98
	DRY PACK 108
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 104-110
	DRY PACK 118
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK 98
	ICE PACK 92
DUCKS	149-166

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live weight, week ending July 17, 1999 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning

Food service

4.20 Lbs & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs 5.26 Lbs & Up

	THOUSANDS		
Head	30,806	37,011	34,463
Avg Weight	3.77	4.73	6.08
% of total /1	30%	36%	34%

COMPARISONS

Last week	30,422	30,884	34,471
Avg Weight	3.83	4.80	5.93
% of total /1	32%	32%	36%
Same week, yr ago /2	48,573	44,471	21,804
Avg Weight	3.77	4.78	6.05
% of total /1	42%	39%	19%
To date/1999	907,673	798,691	1,215,162
To date/1998	1,011,702	1,037,455	863,817

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 24-Jul-99 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	THOUSANDS				

HEAD	155,059(A)	2,217	1,507	3,724	456
AVGWT	4.90	3.35	8.08	5.27	6.25
LAST WEEK	158,335	1,978	1,089	3,067	444
YR AGO	150,431	2,192	1,231	3,423	557
AVGWT	4.63	3.43	7.80	4.63	6.36
TO-DATE/1999	4,389,722	62,846	39,396	102,242	12,860
TO-DATE/1998	4,221,761	61,412	36,649	98,061	13,096

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 155.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 156.9 million head or 1.2 million head more than or 101 percent of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY-- DATE OF AUCTION JULY 27, 1999
PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

	RANGE	RANGE
Banty Hens	1.50 - 3.25ea.	Pigeons 1.75 - 2.25ea.
Banty Roosters	2.50 - 6.00ea.	Pullets 4-6 .50 - .74
Bunnies	.50 - 2.00ea.	Rabbits 4-6 .40 - 1.03
Crossbred Fowl 5-9	.40 - .96	Rabbits 7-11 .50 - .82
Crossbred Roosters 4-6	.50 - 1.04	Red Fowl 4-4.5 .20 - .38
Crossbred Roosters 7-11	.30 - .84	Red Fowl 5-6 .50 - .84
Doves	3.50 - 6.00ea.	Silgies 2.00 - 2.50ea.
Geese 9-14	.20 - .36	White Pigeons 2.50 - 3.00ea.
Goats	30.00 - 45.00ea.	
Guinea Fowl	.60 - 1.25	
Guinea Pigs	2.50 - 6.25ea.	
Kid Goats	20.00 - 40.00ea.	
Leghorn Hens	.20 - .32	
Leghorn Roosters	.18 - .26	
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.00 - 1.22	

Total Coops Sold 604

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FED-STATE FOR WEEK OF 26-JUL-99

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	134	139-140
MIDWEST	117-119	118-120

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	65-66	
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	68-83	68-73

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-69.66
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA,RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices remained unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was fair at best. Sizes were desirable to instances heavy. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.65-5.25, legs at \$2.80-2.95, bone in legs at \$1.15-1.70, leg quarters at \$1.08-1.15, gizzards \$1.30-1.40, and wings at \$0.40-.60.

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 26-JUL-99

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	117-119	118
MOSTLY		

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
JUNE 19	158.4	154.6	102	5.11
26	161.4	154.6	104	5.05
JULY 3	162.0	154.9	105	5.02
10	137.9	154.6	89	4.94
17	160.3	155.4	103	4.98
24	156.9	155.7	101	4.90
YEAR TO DATE	4443.0	4404.1	101	
JULY 31		156.4		
AUGUST 7		156.8		

CALIFORNIA PLTRY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP W/E 24-Jul-99
IN THOUSANDS

Broilers 3,761 HD, 16,548 lbs., Light Hens 250 HD, 873 lbs., Heavy Hens 0 HD, 0 lbs.

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

	THOUSANDS				
W/E	7/31/99	7/24/99	%CHG	8/01/98	%CHG
Broilers	154,476	*155,059	0	*145,799	+06
Cattle	691	696	-01	*679	+02
Hogs	1,818	1,755	+04	*1,840	-01

Under Federal Inspection

* ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Prices were slightly irregular when compared to a week earlier. Demand was unaggressive for reduced but fully adequate offerings. Undertone was mostly steady.

LIGHT CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)
 24.75-27 MAJORITY 25-26.5
 CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)
 25.5-29 MAJORITY 26.5-27

HEAVY CANNER HENS
(WITHOUT NECKS)
 33-36 MAJORITY 34-36

HEAVY CANNER HENS
(WITHOUT NECKS)
 33-37.5 MAJORITY 36.5-37

EASTERN LIGHT Prices were unchanged. Demand was light for reduced but ample offerings. Market conditions were steady.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY HENS Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was light to moderate for fully adequate to ample offerings. Undertone was steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIVE LIGHT HEN Prices were unchanged. Moderate trading and demand for the fully adequate offers. Slaughter schedules at desired levels. Trade sentiment steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT Plants worked full schedules. Offerings fully adequate.

LIVE HENS

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

<u>HEAVY</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(2)
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR	(1)

<u>LIGHT</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Eastern Light	0	(1)
Eastern Light	0	(2)
So. Central Light	TFEWR	(2)
No. Central Light	TFEWR	(1)
No. Central Light	.5	(2)
(1) Buyer Loading	(2) Producer Loading	

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT